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COMMENCEMENT

Tempe Boddie

Commencement at the North Carolina College for Women began Friday evening, May 16, when the senior farewell banquet took place. On the first floor of Students' Building the seniors, dressed in their most becoming evening gowns and wearing lovely bouquets of flowers, cordially welcomed their guests, many of whom were heroes lately returned from France. After the greetings were over, the hostesses led the way to the Y. W. C. A. hut, which had been transformed into a banquet hall of loveliness. Palms and spring flowers furnished a background for the snowy tables on which were graceful baskets of red clover, carrying out the color scheme of red and white.

In the midst of such surroundings and to the sound of soft music, the seniors held their last feast together. Annie Lee Stafford, the class president, presided as toastmistress. The following toasts were given: "To Our Guests," by Edith Russell, to which Rev. R. L. Brown, of Philadelphia, responded; "To the Spirit of Red and White," by Marjorie Craig. The response to this was a charming dance by two lovely graces. The little daughter of Dr. Lipcomb responded to a toast, "To Our Mascot," "To Alma Mater" was presented by Virginia Walsh. Dr. Foust responded.

Saturday afternoon was set aside for class reunions. At five o'clock all the classes that were represented by two or more members held meetings and for an hour renewed their youth by talking over old times. Each member contributed at these meetings some interesting information about herself or some member who was not present.

The class of 1919, from five to six, gave an informal reception in the hut to all Red and White alumnae and to their sisters, the Blue and White alumnae. The classes of '15, '17, and '21 were represented.

At eight-thirty Saturday evening, alumnae, students and guests gathered in the auditorium of Students' Building for the oratorical contest between the three societies. Before the contest began, a tableau representing the state seal was presented. This tableau was artistically staged by Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Weatherspoon. The following contestants took their places on the stage: Adelpheans—Lucy Crisp and Charlie Mae Credlebaugh; Cornelian—Gladys Wells and Marie Davenport; Dikeans—Edith Russell and Branson Price. In this contest, Lucy Crisp won first place. The judges were Miss Alexander, Mr. F. P. Hobgood and Mr. Dupuy.

Sunday morning at eleven o'clock the graduating class, in stately file, entered the auditorium to hear the baccalaureate sermon. The invocation was pronounced

by Dr. Turrentine, president of the Greensboro College for Women. The music for this occasion was especially well chosen and the anthem, Ave Marie, was beautifully rendered. Bishop Warren A. Candler, chancellor of Emory University, Atlanta, delivered the sermon. During his entire speech, the large audience gave him the closest attention. His message to the graduates was one that will long be remembered by each of them and his words of advice were such as will guide them through the rugged paths of doubt and prove a comfort all along the way. This impressive service closed with the hymn, "America," and the benediction.

The vesper services of the Y. W. C. A. were held Sunday evening at eight-thirty in Peabody Park. No other custom of the college is dearer to the hearts of the college girls than this of holding the commencement services in the park, presided over by the senior class. In this quiet secluded spot, under the protecting branches of the tall trees in this beautiful temple, the great out-of-doors, which so many times during their four years' journey had been a place of rest and recreation in hours of weariness and discouragement, the seniors gathered for the last time as active members of the college association. The address was delivered by Lieutenant-Governor O. Max Gardner, of Shelby. Special music was rendered by members of the graduating class.

Monday morning at 8:30 the three literary societies, Adelphean, Cornelian and Dikean, held their regular meetings. This commencement meeting always is one of the most interesting during the entire year, as it is a great inspiration to the active members to have the alumnae present and show such lasting interest and enthusiasm in the work. After the business meetings, the time was given over to welcoming and entertaining the visiting alumnae.

After the alumnae meeting in the Adelphean Hall, the alumnae and their guests met in the dining hall of Spencer Building for the annual luncheon. The dining hall was unusually pretty in the artistic arrangement of the tables. Palms and graceful baskets of ferns hanging on each side of the room were used as decorations. On the tables large bowls of daisies surrounded by trailing green foliage were placed and a pretty card in sepia bearing the North State toast was found at each plate. College girls served a delicious menu. Miss Annie Lee Stafford responded to a toast to the guests of honor, the graduating class.

The junior class invited all Lavender and White alumnae to a supper in the dining room Monday evening. One long table, decorated in daisies and lavender and white, was arranged down the center of the dining room. All loyal members of Lavender and White enjoyed this opportunity of being together and the alumnae appreciated the thoughtfulness and kind-

ness of the youngest members of Lavender and White.

At seven o'clock the senior class day exercises took place on the campus in front of Administration Building. The seniors, clad in dainty organdies, representing all the delicate shades of the rainbow and led by their mascot, who bore the class banner, passed between two lines of sophomores dressed in white and bearing the daisy chain. The seniors took their places facing the large audience which had almost entirely filled the surrounding space. The following program was then carried out: "Class History," by Mary Poteat; "Poem," by Marjorie Craig; "Prophecy," by Arnette Hathaway; "Last Will and Testament," by Ruby Sisk; "Statistics," by Margaret Hayes. All the papers were very cleverly written and showed great originality. The farewell song, the words of which were written by Eoline Everett and the music by Professor G. Scott-Hunter, was sung by Evelyn Shipley.

At the close of the class day exercises the large audience hurried into the auditorium to enjoy the musical concert which was to be given under the direction of Professor Wade R. Brown. Selections from all phases of the music department were given and showed the excellent work that is done in this department. The beautiful selections of the orchestra under the direction of Miss Helen Mayer deserve especial mention.

The graduating exercises took place Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock. The faculty in academic procession were followed into the auditorium by the graduating class. The excellent address of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw followed. Then in brief and well-chosen words, Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented the Bibles and Constitutions to the graduating class. The diplomas were awarded by Dr. Foust and with a few words to the graduates of well-earned praise by their much loved president, the exercises of the twenty-seventh annual commencement closed.

DR. SHAW SPEAKS

The auspices under which the graduating class yesterday respectfully severed relations from its alma mater and entered the broader life were most impressive, and those who have a kindly interest in the welfare of the students were aware that no more timely nor inspiring message could have been given them than the one received from Dr. Shaw. Glancing from the rows of young women in front of her, Dr. Shaw looked into the future, as it were, taking into consideration the most important things that will affect their future, advising them, consoling them, inspiring them, but never preaching to them.

When the new phase of life is begun, Dr. Shaw told the young ladies, they should abstain from useless hurry, urging that

they should pick their way slowly, carefully and joyfully, lest they should become discouraged and give way to the things demanding least resistance. "Do not tread the beaten path," she advised them, "but assume the new duties dictated by your consciences."

After centuries of subjection, during which time women have risen but slowly from the degradation of the darker ages, she related, fear has become intuitive with them; it is the greatest curse in a woman's life. "But fasten your lives to some great goal; create a deep passion for some important reform; and develop a big human love." These two accomplishments, Dr. Shaw declared, are essential to greatness among women. "The infinite is one great goal; all reforms are one; all truths are one, because truth is of God, and God is one." Fear is greater than all other evils, she said, because fear is conducive of nearly all evils, asserting that fear has caused practically all cruelty and wars and that it has been an agent bent on the destruction of civilization.

Of course, there will be opposition and criticism in life, she predicted, commenting that society more frequently kills a woman by criticism than a man. But this condition should not exist necessarily, she added, giving an illustration from a recent incident in her own life. Only a short while ago Dr. Shaw was in Texas, she related, and some agency sent propaganda ahead of her, declaring that she was a "socialist, anarchist and feminist." "The charges were ridiculous and decidedly conflicting," she remarked. "I am not a socialist; maybe I might be if I had more sense; but if I were a socialist, how could I be an anarchist? And if I were an anarchist, how could I be a feminist?"

Feminism she defined as the quality which leads a woman to aspire to true humanism. "And I don't believe I'm good enough to be called a feminist," she added. But do not pay too much attention to the so-called conservatives, she urged. "Although these qualities do not apply to all conservatives of the sort described, prejudice, ignorance and cowardice will make any person a conservative. This always holds true."

Any woman who aspires to a more noble place in life than that offered by man and time worn precedent, Dr. Shaw averred, is accused of going contrary to the will of God, "just as though God had appointed the North Carolina legislature and the United States senate to define the will of God and of nature." But nature cannot be dwarfed, after so long a time; it becomes combative, refusing to yield further to the will of its oppressors, she declared. And the rights of women will be gained, she added, if only they will aspire to noble things. Discussing the peace conference, Dr. Shaw wittily remarked that there is a trifle too much reverence for the Monroe doctrine. "But I must confess a love for the Monroe doctrine," she added; "it is the only thing that has not been used as an argument against woman's rights."

FIND THINGS WE LOOK FOR

Looking still farther into the lives of her hearers, Dr. Shaw foresaw the reac-

tion, and the discouragements of which it is inevitably conducive. "There will be a longing for sympathy, for understanding," she said, "but do not commit the fatal error; do not indulge in self-pity. The person who pities herself will come to the conclusion that she is not understood. Her life will be spoiled." But there is a consolation, she added happily, and this sympathetic understanding may be found in the works of great people. Then, too, she continued, we always find in life the things for which we look. If we look for pity, failure, success, inspiration or any other thing, life is so big, that thing will be found. Therefore, she urged that the young ladies should be careful to seek the right things in their future lives.

Discussing briefly but suggestively the effect of woman's position in the past on her religion of the present, Dr. Shaw remarked: "We have heard Jesus spoken of in the pulpit as the ideal of man; but, somehow, they neglected to offer Him as the ideal of woman, and I had never heard Him spoken of as such until I preached of Him that way myself. Can we think of a noble quality of man that Christ did not possess? And can we not say that He had all the attributes requisite for perfection in woman? Can not she determine through a glimpse of His life whether or not she is worthy?"

HAVE WON THE RESPECT OF MAN

In an apologetic manner for the ensuing personal reference, Dr. Shaw stated that on Monday, she, in company with 19 men, was presented the distinguished service cross. "As I stood in line, the only woman among generals, colonels and majors, each waiting for the expression of appreciation from our nation, I glanced about me, eager to learn what they would think when they saw that I, a woman, was there. But they seemed to reveal in their greeting that it is as noble to inspire as to combat, and I believe that the world is fast realizing that there is something in women. For years men have loved us, fought for us, bled for us, and died for us; but they did not respect us. Through our choice of the bigger life we have led them to respect us."—*Greensboro Daily News*, May 21, 1919.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Mrs. Gertrude Bagby Creasy, '94, was our guest at commencement. Her daughter, Helen Dunn, is in our Freshman Class.

Lizzie McIver Weatherspoon, '92-'93, was chosen as an Alumnae Board member. She will be one of the college representatives in the faculty of the Asheville Summer School held at the Normal and Collegiate Institute in Asheville.

Ola Herron, '92-'93, is teaching in Laurinburg, where she lives with her sister.

Zalie Henderson, '92-'95, has a home of her own eight miles north of Morganton. The birds wake you in the morning and sing you to sleep at night, so Zalie says it is a good place to rest. She writes that she is busy all the time. She worked her township for each of the loans.

Hester Struthers, '93-'94, came to commencement.

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DR. ANNA HOWARD SHAW

In the hour of victory, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the woman suffrage leader, is dead at her home in Moyock. Her associates will speak of her as a martyr to the cause, and in a sense they will be right, for the pressing work put upon her during the past few months could not but have an injurious effect upon her system, weakened by intermittent colds during the winter and by the great burden of the cause.

But Dr. Shaw's work was done, and as she was "all woman" it is not surprising that she should pass as she did. It was but natural that she should display the womanly trait of holding determinedly to the work in hand while that work was yet to do, and of giving way only when the stress was over. She lived to see accomplished the dream which she shared with Susan B. Anthony, and she had the comfort of ending her days surrounded by loving friends who rejoiced with her in the victory.

The woman suffragists were most fortunate in having in their leader such an attractive and winning personality as Dr. Shaw possessed. Emotionally sane in her views, opposed to militancy, tolerant, witty, distinguished in appearance and thoroughly devoted to her cause, she made friends for it where the more radical advocates repelled them. A wholesome and lovable character in every way, Dr. Shaw will be missed by thousands who found in her a safe guide and a generous and helpful friend.—*Philadelphia Record*.

Secretary Daniels issued the following statement in connection with the death of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw:

"The death of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw on the eve of the ratification of the constitutional amendment granting suffrage to American women heightens the national sense of loss in her death. She had lived long enough to see the virtual triumph of the reform to which she had devoted her life and to win the gratitude of the world for her vision and her steadfastness. During the great war, as chairman of the Woman's Council of National Defense, she was truly a great national leader and will live as the foremost woman war worker. Her last public service was to throw herself heart and soul in earnest advocacy of the league of nations. In war she was an apostle of preparation and consecration, but she always had the vision that victory would open the way for a warless world. Great of heart, great of brain, patriotic and seer, she will live with the immortals."

Secretary Baker's statement follows: "The news of the death of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw will be heavy tidings to the great company of men and women who have been associated with her in her public work. To the younger generation she was a great historic figure, coming down out of the past with the traditions and inspiration of the pioneers. She gave herself to every movement for a larger liberty and finer freedom in America, and with it all preserved the constructive and balanced judgment of a statesman. She was a great citizen and a great patriot."

MINUTES OF THE ALUMNAE

ASSOCIATION MEETING

MAY 19th, 1919

The Alumnae Association met in the Adelphean Hall on the morning of May 19, 1919. The president, Miss Florence Pannill, called the meeting to order. The class of 1919 was received as a body. The president welcomed them with appropriate words of greeting.

The secretary then read the roll of members in good standing. The president called for payment of dues.

The roll call for quorum showed a quorum present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The president made a brief report of the year's work, stating that interesting plans for Founder's Day meeting were cancelled on account of the quarantine. The committee to arrange the commencement

program for alumnae meeting had been called together and the program made and sent out with a letter from the alumnae president to our old students.

Efforts were made to secure an alumnae speaker, but in vain.

The program committee was: Miss Womble, Miss Coit, Miss Pannill, Mrs. W. H. Swift, and Miss Fannie Starr Mitchell.

The secretary-treasurer's report was read:

Receipts

Balance May 18, 1918	\$ 57.38
Received for fees	115.00
Received for News	53.25
Received for advertising	104.00
Received for rent of Teague field	1531.00

\$1860.63

Expenditures

Printing	\$ 226.10
Interest	1531.00
Flowers	15.75
Postage	3.00
Seal	3.25
Meals for guests	1.40
Box file	.40
Express	.42
Check returned	1.25

\$1782.57

Cash on hand 78.06

\$1860.63

McIver Loan Fund

Amount in notes	\$5937.12
Amount in cash	276.52

\$6213.64

Increase by interest during year \$182.41

Increase by gifts 30.00

\$212.41

Miss Ruth Fitzgerald reported for the auditing committee that the treasurer's books had been audited to date and found correct.

The steering committee through Miss Julia Dameron, made a most interesting report, stating that the North Carolina Education Association had been successfully launched and that the local organizations in numbers of the counties of the state are actively at work for the uplift of our educational standards. She reported that the temporary defeat of the equal pay bill would not hinder its eventual success. Numerous friends and supporters of the measure had been outspoken in its behalf.

Miss Spier reported for the committee on women on the Board that the committee had suggested Mrs. D. D. Carroll for the vacancy on the Board. For various reasons it was deemed best to place a man on the Board for this particular vacancy. Mr. H. G. Chatham was appointed. The committee recommended that the Board be increased to fourteen members, the three additional members to be alumnae of the college, these members to be nominated and elected by the Alumnae Association as our regular officers are elected. In the beginning it will be necessary to elect one member to serve one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

It was moved and carried that the com-

mittee, Miss Spier, Miss Moore, Mrs. Young and Miss Dameron, consult the college authorities about carrying out such a plan with a view to having the next legislature endorse the suggestion made by the alumnae.

Miss Womble reported that the name "McIver College" had been placed before the College Board as the suggestion of the alumnae. The Board, finding it necessary to retain the state idea in the name, voted for The North Carolina College for Women, which name was accepted by the legislature as a revision of our charter.

Mrs. Julius Cone reported for the committee on the woman dean that it had been impractical for the committee to interview the Board as yet. The committee was continued.

The academic committee reported through Mrs. Young that a good deal of investigation had been carried on by the committee relative to the relation of the alumnae to colleges elsewhere. No definite suggestions are yet ready. The committee was continued.

Miss Coit reported that a letter had been sent to six thousand of the alumnae about the Y. W. C. A. hut. The amount sent in by alumnae not faculty members was \$168.25.

The committee on the alumnae home reported that the plans for the home would probably take a new turn soon.

The result of the work of the nominating committee, Mrs. Annie Michaux Williams, Miss Lewis Dull and Miss Daphne Carraway, in taking the ballot by mail was announced as follows:

For president—Mrs. Nettie Parker Wirth, 28; Mrs. Eleanor Elliott Carroll, 38.

Vice-president—Miss Tempe Dameron, 26; Mrs. Nellie Bond Askew, 40.

Board members for three years—Mrs. Lizzie Weatherspoon, 53; Miss Mary Hyman, 28; Mrs. Mamie B. Gant, 29; Mrs. Sudie Middleton Thorpe, 22; Mrs. Mary Applewhite Killian, 25; Miss Mary Robinson, 38.

Auditing Committee—Miss Pearl Wyche, 48; Mrs. Katherine McIver Nash, 48; Miss Tempe Boddie, 44; Miss Minnie Field, 18; Miss Madge Kennette, 15; Miss Alice V. Williams, 24.

The result of the election is as follows: President, Mrs. Eleanor Carroll; vice-president, Mrs. Nellie Bond Askew; board members for three years, Mrs. Lizzie Weatherspoon, Miss Mary Robinson, Mrs. Mamie B. Gant; auditing committee, Miss Pearl Wyche, Miss Catherine McIver, Miss Tempe Boddie.

Dr. Foust was then called on for a message. He spoke of the fine work done by Miss Dameron and her co-workers in the legislature to aid in the passing of better school legislation. He stated that we greatly need a secretary for the alumnae work in the state and he hoped we would have one soon.

The Board had secured a change of the college name as reported.

The appropriation made two years ago by the legislature is inadequate to complete our building program on account of rise in prices.

He spoke of the need for an alumnae

building to be used as homes for the faculty and later for post-graduate and visiting alumnae. He stated that we hope for an annual appropriation of \$200,000 from the next legislature. He reported a change in our charter allowing free tuition to those engaging in public service other than teaching.

Frances Vaughn then spoke of our new public health course and the great possibilities of growth in this work.

Miss Spier spoke on our rural education department and the plans for its growth.

Rosa Blakeney spoke of the need for a binding influence among the alumnae. She said that many are ready to help when they have a definite thing to do. It was suggested that the alumnae meeting minutes be sent to each county.

Miss Coit emphasized the need for a salaried resident alumnae secretary. It was moved and carried that we recommend to our board of trustees that they plan to have a secretary and ask the college board of directors for cooperation in financing the plan.

Miss Womble spoke on the alumnae building for use first for faculty residence. She also spoke of our extension work and asked that the alumnae let it be known in the counties that the college will send out speakers on various topics of general interest to clubs and schools.

It was moved and carried that we ask our alumnae board of trustees to take up in a business way the erection of an alumnae building and to plan if possible for ways and means to erect such a building on or near the campus.

Mrs. W. H. Swift spoke for the mothers among the alumnae on the great need for the emphasizing of mothercraft in the college training. In a most sympathetic way she made a strong plea for such definite training.

Miss Dameron presented an appeal for endorsement of the League of Nations, to be sent to Washington. It was moved and carried that we officially endorse the plan for the League of Nations.

The matter of a college song was presented. The alumnae were asked to submit songs to the committee.

Messages were sent and notes read to the alumnae from Mrs. J. A. Brown, Miss Emily S. Austin, Mrs. Paul McCain and Mrs. Tempie Parker Harris.

It was moved and carried that we ask that our corporate name be changed to the Alumnae and Former Students Association of the North Carolina College for Women, Incorporated.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the secretary.

The meeting adjourned to the dining hall, where a delightful luncheon was served to the alumnae, faculty, seniors and guests. The juniors served. Miss Pannill presided. Miss Annie Lee Stafford gave a message from the new 1919 alumnae. Dr. Foust gave a message of cheer and courage, speaking from the background of his recent experiences with the wounded soldiers.

The alumnae endorsed the request of

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Emily S. Austin, Katherine Smith Reynolds,
Sadie McBrayer McCain, Tempie Parker Harris,
Lizzie McIver Weatherspoon, Mary Robinson, Mamie Banner Gant.

PROGRESS

Evidence has been given during the past few months that the people of North Carolina are putting into practice their belief that women can do as good work as men in certain lines of endeavor. The equalization of the salaries of the state board of examiners and institute conductors was a state-wide acknowledgment that women teachers do as good work as men teachers and that sex discrimination will no longer be countenanced in our state. No school board or superintendent will be in an enviable position if the public learns that the said board or superintendent continues to discriminate against its women teachers by giving unequal pay for equal service. Furthermore, we are glad to learn that women in increasing numbers are being put on school boards; for we all realize that woman by nature and environment is especially fitted for the training of children.

Another important acknowledgment of woman's adaptability for a special line of work was made by the County of Guilford a few days ago when it elected Mrs. Blanche Carr superintendent of public welfare. Woman is naturally better qualified for welfare work than man, and we hope that many counties will follow the example of Guilford and place good, strong women in charge of this public service. J. D.

MORE PAY FOR TEACHERS

"If we would meet the demands of education in the world to come after the war," writes Philander P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, in *Everybody's* for June, "we must be prepared to pay our teachers on an average of at least twice as much as we pay them now. This means that levies and appropriations for schools must be at least seventy-five per cent more than they are now. It would be better still if we made them a full hundred per cent higher than at present. Within reasonable limits the larger the investment in education the larger will be not only the total return but also the percentage of profit on the investment.

"President Eliot once said that the cost of education of a boy or girl from birth to twenty-one years of age should be not less than the cost of food, clothing and shelter. Measured by this standard our expenditures for education are almost inconceivable.

"The teacher makes the school, and, like any other creator, makes it in his own image and likeness. In a very real sense the teacher is the school, and the school will never do better and seldom worse than the teacher. A poor teacher is dear at any price. A good teacher is cheap at any price. Let us demand as teachers in our schools men and women of good native ability, well educated and well trained. Then let us pay them enough to keep them until they have gained the power and skill that can come only from long and successful experience.—*News and Observer*.

LACK OF TEACHERS SERIOUS PROBLEM, SAYS CLAXTON

Washington, June 10.—American schools are facing a serious problem because of the lack of teachers, P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, declared today in asking Congress for \$200,000 additional appropriations for conducting the services of his bureau for the year beginning July 1.

"Perhaps no other institution was more affected by the war than were the schools," he wrote, urging continuance of the bureau's work in aiding the placement of teachers. "Almost one-third of all the American teachers were drawn out of the schools for service in the army, navy and other branches of the government and in various commercial activities and war industries.

"As a result, there were last October approximately 50,000 schools without teachers. There were also about 120,000 new and wholly untrained teachers. Numberless calls from all parts of the country came to the bureau of education for relief, and up to the present time comparatively few of the teachers have returned to their regular work. The fever of activity and the higher pay in other fields of labor still complicate the problem."

JUSTICE FOR THE FOSTER PARENTS OF OUR CHILDREN

It is strange that the generous-hearted American people, who poured out their riches so prodigally in response to every patriotic, every charitable appeal, and who accorded such enthusiastic and liberal support to every measure and to every group that helped win the war, should have neglected to properly encourage and reward the services of one of the noblest professions in the field of human activities—a profession that in lofty ideals, in unselfish principles, in sacred responsibilities, stands side by side with the ministry of the Gospel itself.

We wish to bespeak, with whatever power and authority we may have and with such words as may be granted to us, some measure of consideration for the foster-fathers and mothers of our children—the school teachers of the United States of America.

There is no class of workers of which we demand so much. We commit into their keeping the minds, the bodies, and the very souls of our children in the tender and form-

ative years of their lives, and they, receiving these children, can indeed be said to hold in the hollow of their hands the future of America. We expect these devoted men and women to watch over and care for our sons and daughters as though they were their very own, to drill them in the arts and sciences, to train them for business and for citizenship, to instruct them in manners and in morals, to do for them those things which we would do had we the training and the leisure.

No class has assumed so heavy, so trying a burden and a responsibility with such willingness as these consecrated men and women. No class has performed their increasingly heavy tasks more devotedly, more conscientiously, and with less thought of self. No class served their country more wholeheartedly, more loyally, during the trying and tempestuous times of war, day by day pursuing their round of duty, day by day helping the young people, and through the children the parents, to see the struggle in its true light, thus securing the cooperation of the community in every measure undertaken by the government to win the war.

Truly they have made the nation their everlasting debtor. Truly had they not done their work so well this republic would not outlast the span of a generation.

What then have the teachers received at our hands in return? They have received little of honor and somewhat less of pay. Other classes have prospered; other classes through powerful organizations have secured generous wages. The teachers have no spokesman, however, to demand even the simple justice of a living wage, so to them we give their petty prewar pittance, so meager, so pitifully inadequate, that it places a burning brand of shame and disgrace upon this nation.

The men and women who are making the Americans of tomorrow are being treated with less consideration than the janitors who sweep out the buildings in which they are employed; they are earning on the average, less than the wages given to the scrub-women employed in the public buildings of the United States government. Normal school graduates receive less salary than street sweepers; high school principals and superintendents less than section foremen; country school teachers less for instructing the farmer's children than he pays his hired man to feed his hogs.

In a certain town of Illinois, for instance, the average wages of fifteen miners for one month was \$217, while the average monthly salary of fifteen teachers in the same town was \$55. In another town a miner, who, by the way, was an enemy alien, drew more than \$2,700 last year, while the salary of the high school principal in the same town was \$765. We welcome with all our hearts the long-belated recognition that is being given to the man who works with his hands. We believe that this same workingman will be the first to join with us in asking better pay for those who teach his children.

No wonder there are fifty thousand vacancies in the teaching forces of the schools. No wonder the ranks are being filled with weak men and with immature women who merely use the profession as a stepping-stone to something better. No wonder there are thirty thousand teachers in the United States who have had no schooling beyond

the eighth grammar grade. Small wonder, indeed, that seven million of our school children are being trained by teachers, mere boys and girls themselves, who have had no professional education whatever.

When we consider that the 740,000 teachers of America are paid an average salary of \$630 a year; when, moreover, we consider the fact that living costs have actually advanced 103 per cent since the beginning of the war, thereby cutting the buying power of these insignificant salaries in half, we can easily determine that only a fool or a martyr would choose teaching as a profession, or would long remain in it unless these terrible conditions were swiftly remedied.

What a crime is this! What an indictment! What an unpardonable sin at the doors of an enlightened people who now find themselves at the head and forefront of the democracies of the world! How can we better prepare for the great undertakings of reconstruction than by setting ourselves immediately to remedying this perilous condition. In these trying and chaotic times when the world is beset by unrest, by anarchy, by revolution, by the devil's brood of appalling evils that follow in the train of war, we must make sure that the foundations of our republic are set on a rock that it may stand against the flood.

The peace and security of the world of the future will be in the safekeeping of the generation now in our schools. These boys and girls must "weave up the raveled sleeve" of civilization. Their hands must minister to the wounds of the nations. Their minds must meet and solve the difficult and crucial problems that will be their inheritance. Their hearts must be so imbued with the horrors of war and with the poverty and anguish that inevitably follow in its wake that they in their time will enter upon it only as a last resort in national self-defense or in support of some great principle of humanity.

Never has there been a more urgent need for high-minded, great-hearted, splendidly trained, 100 per cent American instructors to drive home the vital lessons that these times hold. Never has the future of the nation been so clearly committed into the hands of the teachers. And yet thousands of men and women of ability who would prefer to teach are reluctantly leaving their chosen calling, forced by the hard necessities of their very existence.

The teachers ask no largess at the hands of fortune. They enter their profession for service, not riches. But they invest years and money in preparation for their life-work and the knowledge they gain is shared with others who themselves use it to their own profit. Teachers, then, by every right and in all justice expect a return that will permit them and their dependents to live decently and in comfort.

In every community reached by The Literary Digest there are readers of foresight, of vision, broad-minded men and thoughtful women who will see—nay, perhaps have long since seen—the critical and compelling importance of this problem. We are directing this appeal to them. We urge them to compare the salaries of their teachers with the wages of those who are doing work of equal value. There will be a challenge in the facts that will stir the community to action.

Let each community invest in schools so that it may thereby invest in a trained manhood and womanhood that can play their part in the great period of rebuilding and reconstruction that lies before us. Let each community set for its goal, as far as is practicable, a minimum wage of at least \$1,000 a year for the teachers of America. This would cost the nation perhaps as much as we spent so gloriously in but one week of the Great War.

We are not pleading merely for the welfare of some single profession; we are not pleading for a special class; we are pleading for America; for her larger, her brighter, her richer future, for the fulfillment of her glorious promise. We are pleading for a coming race of men and women who shall be qualified to make complete the work of our forefathers who founded this nation and dedicated it to liberty, and who will bring to full fruition the new victories that we have won in freedom's cause. We are pleading for a wider teaching of the principles, the purposes, and the ideals of this nation that all men shall know her meaning and shall have equal access to her opportunities; that the light of Americanism will so shine that it will flood every home, every heart, in our great land.—*Literary Digest*, May 10, 1919.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

The following extract does not do justice to Dr. Eugene Street's article in which he pleads earnestly and forcefully for the abolition of child labor and for the equalization of wages for men and women who do the same work on the farm:

"I do not believe that North Carolina is so benighted and so asleep to the vast economic value of woman suffrage that she will reject the amendment. And if North Carolina adopts it the other cotton states may as well come on in, for it wouldn't do them any more good to stay out than it did the states that rejected the prohibition amendment. And the people of North Carolina might as well be on the lookout for two different interests to invade the state, and work against the adopting the amendment: New England spinners who want cheap cotton, regardless of the sacrifice of millions of children and women in the south, and cotton growers from other cotton states who want to keep a supply of the cheapest possible labor to make cotton, regardless of the sacrifice of the children and women of their own states, and regardless of keeping cotton producers in industrial slavery, and regardless of keeping the south comparatively poor and illiterate and away behind in development."

"I would not have the people of the south lose sight of the fact that a wage scale in the south equal to that of the balance of the country will automatically settle the race problem the most satisfactory way that it can possibly be done. On account of the advantage in climate, white people will flock to the south by hundreds of thousands when they can get as much for their work in the south as they can in any other part of the country, and they would come in ever increasing numbers until every southern state would have such a large majority of white people that there would be no race problem.

"It is a fact that a wage scale in the south equal to the wage scale of the balance of the country has everything to recommend it, and nothing to condemn it. All of the best interests of the southern people demand it. The surest and the quickest way to get it is the adoption of the woman suffrage amendment. And all southern men and women who are in favor of a rich and populous and educated south, with a white population by a vast majority, should lose no time in going to work for the amendment, and should leave no effort undone to insure its adoption."—*News and Observer*, July 6, 1919.

MINUTES OF THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION MEETING

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the 1919 class that the new dormitory be named for Dr. Anna Howard Shaw.

Resolutions of thanks for the luncheon and service were given to Miss Brookes, Miss Coolidge, Miss Bollinger, Miss Tempe Boddie and their committee, the juniors and all others who helped to make this social hour a memorable one for those present.

LAURA H. COIT, Secretary.

ALUMNAE NOTES

(Continued from page 2)

Alberta Ratliffe Craig, '93-'95, attended commencement. Her daughter, Marjorie, was a member of the graduating class.

Mary Applegate Killian, '94, was detained from commencement by illness in her family.

Mary C. Wiley, '94, enjoyed a recent visit to Atlanta.

Annie Parker Cooke, '95, is spending the summer at Panacea Springs, Fla. Her step-daughter was a member of the 1919 class.

Elsie Pearson, '96, is still living in New York. Elizabeth and Mr. Pearson were recent visitors in Greensboro. Mr. Pearson was en route to an island near Charleston which he recently purchased as a home for the egrets.

Temple Parker Harris, '96-'98, was ill during commencement, but remembered to send us a message of love. We hope to have her here as soon as she is well.

Minnie Melver Brown, '95-'96, sent a message to the alumnae at commencement which was much appreciated. We regret exceedingly that our honored board member could not be with us.

Nellie Bond Askew, '97, was elected vice-president of the Alumnae Association for the coming year.

Emily S. Austin, '97-'01, was unable to attend commencement but remembered us with a characteristic message of love and loyalty. She was greatly missed by her many friends at commencement.

Nannie Poland Liles, '98-'00, is living in Wilson's Mills.

Katherine Davis, '99, is planning to study at the University of California next winter. Mrs. Davis will spend the winter with her in California.

Lewis Dull, '99, expressed great interest in seeing all the bachelors and doctors in their robes of ceremony at commencement.

Jessie Whitaker Rieks, '99, was detained from commencement by the illness of her little girl.

Margaret Peirce Orme, '99, was unable to leave her "Washington School for Children" in order to be with us at commencement. We hope to have her tell us about the details of her work at some future time.

Mattie Moore Taylor, '99, has had a siege of illness in her family, three children being ill at once. We are glad to hear that they are better.

Mamie Banner Gant, '99-'01, was warmly welcomed as a commencement guest. She was elected as a board member for the Alumnae Association.

Carrie Martin Upshur, '00, called to see us in May.

Alice K. Tull, '00-'04, was married on June 11th to Mr. George LeRoy Cooke.

Eleanor Watson, '00, was with us in May during the English Conference. She presided over the sessions of the conference.

Annie Staley Fox, '00, has a little daughter about two months old.

Avula Lindsay Lowe, '00, has a son, William C., four months old.

Frances Womble, '01, will study at Carolina next winter as a candidate for her M. A. degree.

Mary T. Moore, '03, has just returned from a trip to Washington and New York. She was accompanied by her mother and Josephine Moore, '17.

Nettie Parker Wirth, '03, has a daughter born in May. She is now living in Greensboro.

Pearl Sallinger Hayes, '03-'06, would have attended commencement except for the fact that Mr. Hayes had just returned from a month's illness in Johns Hopkins Hospital. Their three-year-old daughter is being trained for the college.

Mattie Taylor Gill, '04, writes that her greatest triumph in connection with wheatless days was to teach her little son to eat corn muffins willingly and to like them. She says the taste sticks.

Kate Barden Winstead, '04, has a son, Fletcher, born on September 20, 1918. He was named for a first cousin, Fletcher Winstead Merritt, who was killed in France August 20, 1918.

Maude Barnard, '04-'05, was married on May 24th to Mr. Thomas Everett Browne. They are at home in Cameron Park, Raleigh.

Annie Vest, '04-'05, is an auditor in government service.

Allie Little Everett, '04-'07, is living in Robersonville.

Margaret Burkett Brawley, '04, attended commencement and gave great pleasure to her old friends.

Elizabeth Rieger, '04-'07, paid us a brief visit in May. She has been very happy in her work for twelve years as she has been associated with C. C. Covington Co., of Wilmington, N. C. She enjoys occasional trips in her Buick roadster.

Mrs. Grace White Porter, '04-'07, sent us a very attractive picture of her daughter, Adelaide Davis Porter, aged three and one-half years. Their home is in Black Mountain.

Inez Flow, '05, is an auditor in Washington, D. C.

June Kernodle Henderson, '05-'09, attended commencement.

Gertrude Zachary, '07-'13, was present at commencement. She enjoys her work for the Musical Courier. Her mother has been with her on many of her travels.

Mary Robinson, '07, was elected as a board member for the Alumnae Association. She will return to the college in the fall after her year's leave.

Mary Reid Idol, '07, attended our commencement exercises.

Mary Exum, '07, attended commencement.

Mollie Townsend, '07-'12, has fifteen more months of training for nursing ahead of her. When Barnum and Bailey and Ringling Brothers gave the hospital nurses a free circus in the hospital court, Mollie refused her turn at the entertainment in order to stay by her patients who had pneumonia.

Lenora Patterson, '08-'10, came to commencement.

Fannie Darlington, '08-'13, is now Mrs. Kenneth Todd, 120 East 11th Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Carrie Exum Brown, '09-'12, and her small son were with us at commencement.

Mary Louise Brown, '10, is working with the public health service in Wilmington.

Alverda Caudill, '10-'13, graduated on May 20th from the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School in Washington, D. C.

Georgia Faison, '11, is planning to work at the Library School of the New York Public Library.

Allie Parsons Winstead, '11, and her little son came to commencement.

Bessie Bennett, '11, was one of our commencement visitors.

Minnie Littman, '11, is now at 519 W. 121st Street, New York City. She is with D. C. Heath & Co. She writes and prints a good part of the cards and letters that are sent out to our faculty and others by the firm. She says that eight years in the wide, wide world have not in the least diminished her interest and sense of proprietorship in her alma mater. She is delighted with the change of the college name.

Quoting from the "Extension Farm News" concerning the home demonstration work we find the following about Cliff Bennett, '11-'13, Annie Rankin, '11-'13, Willie White Boyette, '08, Estelle Logan, '15-'16, and Florence Jeffress, '13:

Miss Mary Cliff Bennett, of Brunswick, although in the county just since February, has her schedule of work well planned. Interesting cooking clubs at Southport and Brunswick and a community club at Shalotte, where meats cooked in a fireless cooker were wonderfully pleasing to the men.

Mrs. Willie W. Boyette, of Wilson County, reports cooperating with the Child Welfare Committee of the Board of Health in an intensive campaign for the next four weeks in the interest of the babies.

In Brunswick County, Miss Mary Cliff Bennett reports wonderful attendance and interest for this time of the year. Some of the topics for her meetings have been: "Diet as a Cure for Some Diseases"; "Reasons of Improper Feeding and How to Overcome Them"; "Starches and Methods of Cooking"; "Importance of Milk in the Diet." Apart from a regular campaign over the county with the fireless cooker, Miss Bennett has demonstrated tapioca custard,

boiled custard, and different ways of serving eggs. En route home from a community club recently she was caught in a storm and had to spend the night in a barn. Despite this she says, "It is a real inspiration to attend the meetings; the people are so interested." Can any one doubt it, when at a recent meeting it was opened by singing "Old Time Religion" and closed with "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." They were the only songs every one knew. Miss Bennett believes in beginning with "songs."

Mrs. Willie W. Boyette, of Wilson County, with the assistance of the county nurse, has had wonderfully good child welfare meetings with good attendance during the entire month. Mrs. Boyette has used films for her meetings at night.

The Girls' Club at Rock Ridge plan to sell their canned vegetables to the school for hot lunches another year, using the money for equipment for the school.

Miss Logan, of Pender County, has succeeded in having hot lunches served at the school in Burgaw twice a week, the children paying 5 cents per cup for soup. Miss Logan has sixteen girls in a better biscuit contest.

Miss Rankin, city agent of Wilmington, resigned as city agent of Wilmington and on March 15th assumed work as county agent of Warren. Miss Rankin had her work under good headway and it was with regret that the people saw her give up her work. She had splendid cooking classes from the Cornelia Harnett and William Hooper schools and was most fortunate in securing the assistance of the Red Cross in serving daily a free lunch to the seven first grades in the William Hooper school. The teachers reported the children as being much happier.

Miss Florence Jeffress, of New Hanover, made her meeting on "The House Beautiful" most interesting by making a number of miniature curtains illustrating ways in which windows could be draped. She used cheesecloth, cretonne, gingham and unbleached muslins. Miss Jeffress secures from the postoffice all good readable papers and magazines that are unclaimed and distributes these at meetings in remote districts. The poultry work in the county was given impetus by a visit from Mr. Oliver. The girls made cake in their cooking classes in their study of eggs.

Miss Florence Jeffress, of New Hanover County, is busy carrying out the plans for both the city and county work. The "Clean-up" campaign from March 24-29 was most intense and the results gratifying. The New Hanover Food Commission circulated 4,000 hand bills and 600 placards for the store windows, while 6,000 tags were used in tagging the homes. Miss Jeffress is assisting in serving the school lunch at the William Hooper School, promoted by the former city agent, Miss Rankin. It is interesting to see the little folks ask the blessing before partaking of their soup or chocolate and wafers.

An interesting meeting was held recently at Castle Haynes when Mrs. Ludeki demonstrated the making of raisin bread as made in Holland. Miss Jeffress gives a recipe for use in the fireless cooker which was given by one of the women, Hungarian Goulash, which is said to be delicious:

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At Wrightsboro, the girls assisted Miss Jeffress in cleaning and painting the domestic science room. After the floors and walls were scrubbed, the walls were painted and the floor stained with potassium permanganate solution and then gone over with linseed oil. The girls appreciated the wonderful change to the room.

Maud Vinson Elliott, '11-'12, is a Red Cross nurse in France, serving at Base Hospital 69. She will join the Alumnae Association when she returns to the states.

Margaret Wilson, '12, is teaching in El Paso, Texas, in the high school. Her subjects are physiology, physiography and general science. She has well equipped laboratories for everything. She has four at her disposal. There are sixty-three teachers and about thirteen hundred pupils in the high school. The handsome new building cost half a million dollars and the stadium seats 8,000 people.

Kate Wortham, '12-'14, was married on May 21st to George Cooke Wainwright.

Gladys Jackson, '12-'17, was with us during commencement.

Lenna Sue Neal, '13-'15, was with us at commencement.

Clara Byrd, '13, is absent on a trip to California where she will visit her sister.

Mildred Harrington, '13, was present at commencement.

Belle West Jones, '13-'17, and her husband, D. Sidney Jones, were present at commencement. Mr. Jones recently returned from France. Mrs. Jones has given excellent service as dietitian at Carolina.

Lillian Crisp, '13, attended commencement. Her sister, Lucy, was a member of the graduating class.

Katherine Robinson, '13, has been taking a course at the Washington College of Law. For fourteen months she has been in government work, serving as secretary to the man in charge of the Washington office of the Research Information Service, a scientific liaison office between the allies and America. She has enjoyed meeting many interesting people of different nationalities. She often meets college mates, Kathleen Ervin, of the War Risk, Hattie Motzno, of the Agriculture Department, Laura M. Faison, of the War Risk, and many others. She had recently taken part in a large public debate and was reminded of the old days of the Thanksgiving debate at the college.

Willie May Stratford, '14, is studying law at Carolina.

Eleanor Morgan, '14, is rejoicing over the change of our college name. She says that she has been an exile from the state for two years because she could not make a living teaching in North Carolina. Graduates of the University of Oklahoma receive about three times what Eleanor began with her first year. She is teaching English in the University and is finding the land of oil and Indians very pleasant.

Pattie Groves, '14, taught general science in the Durham schools this year.

Emma Lossen, '14, taught the eighth grade in Hemenway School in Wilmington this year. She had twenty boys and sixteen girls to graduate from her section, while thirty-three graduated from the other section. Eighty-eight graduated from the Union School, so the Wilmington High School has a fine start for the fall term. Miss Lossen has encouraged her boys to plan for the University and her girls for our college.

Swanna Paschal, '13-'14, attended commencement.

Dr. Annie Scott, '14, has accepted the position of resident physician at the Wesley Long Sanitarium in Greensboro. We welcome her to our midst in this capacity and hope to see her often.

Cora John Kirkman, '14, was present at commencement.

Meade Seawell, '14-'18, visited the college at commencement.

Effie Baynes, '14, is teaching in the Durham-Person Co-operative Summer Session held at Trinity College.

Anne Watkins, '14, was a recent visitor at the college. She will work in New York City this summer.

Ruth Gunter, '14, is to teach in Rutherfordton in a summer school. She called to see us while in Greensboro.

Hallie Beavers, '15, was present at commencement.

Blanche Westray, '15-'17, returned to the college for commencement.

Ethel Thomas, '15, was among our commencement guests.

Mazie Kirkpatrick, '15, attended commencement.

Urtie Harriss, '15-'16, attended commencement. Her sister, Janet, was in the graduating class.

Lois Anderson, '15-'16, attended commencement.

Clara Lee Lassiter, '15-'17, taught at Woodland this year. Her school gave "Enoch Arden" in three towns and during the next four weeks they were asked to give it in five other towns.

Jennie Kirkpatrick, '15-'18, was present at commencement.

Julia May Canaday, '15, is now in Richmond on the staff of the News-Leader, one of Richmond's largest dailies. Her work is very fascinating. She hopes to return to North Carolina to teach this fall.

Annie Albright, '15, visited the college recently. She will teach in Fremont again next year.

Helen Claxton, '15-'16, is working for Uncle Sam at a good salary.

Ethel Wells, '15, and Janie Stacey, '15, attended commencement.

Thelma Boyette, '15-'17, was a welcome guest at commencement.

Rachel Ivey, '15-'17, has been teaching in Turkey, N. C., for the last two years.

Octavia Jordan, '16, is now Mrs. Charles W. Perry, of Durham, N. C.

Louise Goodwin, '16, attended commencement.

Lorena Kernodle, '16, was with us at commencement.

Sarah M. Gwynn, '16, will teach in New Bern this fall.

Cora Caudle, '16, expects to sail in August or September for Nigeria, where she will do mission work.

Jay Melver Hester, '16, was with us during commencement.

Rosa Blakeney, '16, was a most welcome commencement guest.

Anna Doggett, '16, was with us at commencement.

Annie Spainhour Walker, '16, was one of a large number of her class to attend the class reunion.

Evelyn Whitty, '16, was married on June 4th to Mr. Daniel Marshall Hodges. They will be at home after July 1st at Carolina Apartments, Wilmington, N. C.

Mary Edna Wilson, '16-'17, taught at Erul, N. C., this winter.

Mary Beckwith, '16-'18, taught at Grimesland during the past year.

Dorothy Hunt, '17, has been teaching in Jacksonville, N. C. She will attend our Summer Session.

Lois Campbell, '17, attended commencement. Her sister was a member of the graduating class.

Mable Lippard, '17, will teach English in Mount Amena Seminary next year. She will have some society work and dramatics.

Flossie Harris, '17, was present at commencement.

Isabel Bouldin, '17, was present at commencement.

Caroline Goforth, '17, was present at commencement. She graduated from Carolina at the recent commencement.

Harriet Lee Horton, '17, attended commencement.

Louise Maddrey, '17, will take training for a Y. W. C. A. secretaryship at the National Training School this summer.

Elizabeth Evans, '17, taught in Plymouth last year.

Olivera Cox, '17, attended commencement.

Juanita McDougald, '17, was a most welcome commencement guest. She is teaching in Wilson.

Laura Sumner, '18, was present at commencement.

Katie Lee Lewis, '17-'18, attended commencement.

Carrie Cranford, '18, has had a happy year at Jacksonville, N. C.

Frances Walker, '18, was with us at commencement.

Ethel Craig, '18, will teach the fifth grade in Dunn again next year.

Eliza Collins, '18, has been doing girls' work at the Wilmington Y. W. C. A. She goes to the National Training School July 3rd for a summer course. She will then become a girls' work secretary in some city association.

Susan Green, '18, will return to Badin in the fall as music teacher.

Laura Linn Wiley, '18, was with us at commencement.

Leola Scott, '17-'18, is succeeding well in New York. She has a lovely place to live on an island in the East River.

Gladys Hodges, '17-'18, taught in the rural schools of Craven County this year.

Evelyn McCullers, '18, came to commencement.

Martha Blakeney, '18, was among our commencement guests.